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**ILLUMINATED ADDRESS TO SIR ALFRED**  
**BYRONNE, K.C.M.G., C.B.**—The magistrates of the district of Bathurst, on the retirement of Sir Alfred Bygonne from the Chief Justiceship of New South Wales—desirous of testifying their admiration of the "ability, integrity, and unswerving zeal," which conjointly characterized Sir Alfred's administration of justice during twenty-nine years—determined to present an address to that gentleman, which might fitly embody the expression of their united respect and regard. This address (as our readers will perceive,

(in-mer) was presented to the late Chief Justice about six months ago—signed by Mr. J. M. Marsh, the Police Magistrate of this city, and twenty-seven other magistrates of the same district. The presentation copy of the address is, beyond all question, a work of art, the colours being well chosen, and the ornamental design of an elegant but not too florid description. The address has been sent to me in a beautiful copy, in English characters, with the initial letters illuminated in gold, the title being exquisitely and elaborately set out in gold and silver, on a pink arabesque ground. Round the address is a broad margin profusely ornamented with an intricate floral pattern, in pink and neutral tints, upon a 'field' of pale blue, the margin the right being decorated with an antique base, such as pattern designers to beget on.

In the centre of the border at the top is the representation of the badge of a Civil Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, the sword and three crowns of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with the motto, 'Dieu et mon droit', of these three united countries. The legend on the blue border of this emblem is '*Tri-aemula in uno*', in letters of gold. At the bottom of the address is a carefully executed sketch of the armoured arm of a knight, with the well known motto, '*Advance Australia*'. In the seal this is joined to the border (on the left) is an admirably drawn shield, blessed with the arms of Sir Alfred Stephen. Arguably, on a device between two crescents in gold, a center band

The first. The crest is an eagle displayed, with wings outstretched, beaked and legged or, Motto, "Virtus Ubique." The address was thus handsomely illuminated in the establishment of Messrs S. M. Leigh and Company, Hunter street, and the design and the execution reflect honour on the artist employed.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**.—During the nomination of candidates for the Sydney election yesterday, a large number of four-page pamphlets headed "Public Education" were distributed amongst the people assembled in front of the hustings. The first part of the pamphlet dealt with the sectarian aspect of the question, and contained long reports of the inspectors of schools. (The usual certificate with the name of the schoolmaster)

no prominence, and with which many of our readers are probably less familiar. It reads as follows:—"The census for 1871 showed that the number of children in New South Wales between the ages of 5 and 15 years was 128,092, of whom the number attending school was 62,000. The Council of Education tells us that 'the aggregate number of scholars enrolled for 1873 was 92,018.' Their tables show that the highest average attendance for any quarter was 46,862; so that there were 46,554 scholars who, on an average, were receiving instruction all the year round." From inquiries instituted through the Council's inspectors in 1873, it appears that, exclusive of the great pastoral districts of the interior, upwards of 26,000 children attend no school, and so far as we could ascertain

of ignorance for the settled districts of New South Wales—71,000 children who ought to be at school but are not! If we suffer the seeds of ignorance to grow, we must ere long reap a direful harvest of crime and poverty. These 71,000 neglected little ones will become the fathers and the mothers and voters, of the future. Can we leave them to the selfishness and avarice of those who now domineer over the curse of ignorance? If we do, we shall endanger our liberties and involve our country in degradation and ruin. Yet we should not let the State have power to compel us to educate their children, wherever compulsion may be necessary? There are 6578 free scholars now, and the council say, 'some glaring instances have

the other side where parents of great circumstance have even more to lose than before, again, not too much. The poor pay nothing, but the middle class pay more than \$600 per annum in lost by the average or more than parents to pay. Why should the children of the very poor be degraded as pauper scholars? And why should the teachers be robbed of their earnings by those who are not even enough to pay them? The middle class schools nearly all the pupils are from the middle class, the dodges which unscrupulous ecclesiastics adopt to draw children from the Public schools, and thus starve out competent teachers. Let education be free, and the children of rich parents be placed in the same forcing. If school fees were abolished, nothing would not, in fact, be free; because we all pay taxes, but our children would get the best education at the cheapest.

rate. Those who have no children could not grumble, for education, preventative, and the policy pitance they would have to pay for such a measure would be a small price for the protection of the enormous amount they have now to contribute for police and gaols. If New South Wales is to advance and to become truly great, she must educate her children. We can do that best by one uniform system, and the system ought to be secular, compulsory, and free."

**GUN ACCIDENTS.**—A boy named Francis Hunt, aged 14 years, was admitted into the Infirmary on Sunday night about 10 o'clock, suffering from a severe accident in the left hand. From the circumstances it is probable that appears Hunt, with one of his friends, went to Glenbarr, on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of shooting

birds, and in taking aim with the gun at a bird perched on the trigger, and the gun bursting blew nearly the whole of his head off. The remainder of the train was not disturbed, when he was received into the infirmary.—*Thomas Potter*, a fisherman, with two friends, when proceeding to Fort Hacking, on Sunday afternoon, on a shooting excursion, met with a severe accident. Potter's gun, it appears, was firing in the air, and the ball, instead of passing straight drawing it towards him, it went off, and the charge struck the unfortunate man's right shoulder. About half-past 10 o'clock on the same evening he was admitted into the infirmary, where Dr. Brady dressed his wounds.

**ACCIDENT.**—On Sunday, Joseph Martin received, by falling from the wharf at the foot of Laraine-

**WINDSOR.**—The late Mr. Edward Robinson of Oaklands, near Wilberforce (who died at his residence on the 7th instant, aged 68 years), was buried at Windsor, on Friday morning, the 10th inst., in the funeral of the deceased gentleman, a native of Windsor, was the first *outfit* of the description that ever passed over the new bridge; the approaches to which were made ready for the melancholy occasion by the contractors, Messrs. Dixon and Turnbull. Mr. Robinson expired suddenly early on Tuesday morning, the 4th inst., of disease of the lungs, and known and universally respected, there was a very large funeral—the largest ever remembered to have taken place

in Windsor. When the head of the procession reached George-street, the last of it had not left the bridge, and the 'Houppes' were still being carried by the soldiers on the people on foot, from all parts of the district. The remains were conveyed to St. Matthew's Church of England Cemetery.

**THE OPERA.**—Verdi's popular work, "Un Ballo in Maschera," was produced at the Victoria yesterday evening, to a full house, and was received with every manifestation of pleasure by the audience. The changes from the cast of last season were those of *Assia* and *Ulrica*—the former character was sustained by Signora Palmieri and the latter by Signora Magli. There is no very great scope for either artist in the opera, but the

actor has written some very beautiful passages for both the music for the Gipsy is well suited to the character of Magi, and she gave it a new and original touch. The second part of the opera is also very well written, and the second part of the tenor and other concerted music that follows. The Signora appears only in the act, the two between Ricardo (Signor Romani) America, and Ulrica, with the music of "Il S. Barro," in the second act, and in the same act admirably given. Signora Palmeri has only one noteworthy of her powers, and that is in the third act, when she sang with that effective correctness so noticeable in every character performed by this lady. Signora Magi is the life of the opera, and she is the only one who is not "Vola, is Terra," in the first act, and the same

**"Egoe Vorrete,"** in the last, *Signora Coy* sang durably. *Signor Coliva* sustained his old character of Renato, and made his hit in the beautiful *aria* "O delirante amore," and his partner, *Signorina Sestano* is a veritable conspirator, as represented by *Signorini*, and his delivery of the marvellous note just preceding the cheering chorus was a fine piece of vocal declamation. The choruses were generally well rendered, and the instrumentation was also good. This evening's bill here will give you the following:

to the local charities. This evening the proceeds will be given in aid of the funds of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Illinois State College for the Deaf. An address delivered on Saturday evening, said, "It has been our ardent desire to make some return to the good people of Sydney for their kind appreciation of our efforts to introduce a first-class entertainment. I am happy to state that an opportunity has now presented itself for such a purpose, and, therefore, in referring you to that I have just concluded arrangements with Mr. Fairclough to retain possession of the School of Arts for one week longer, during which time we intend to give two more entertainments for your local charities. And I sincerely trust that the proceeds resulting from these entertainments, in the form of pecuniary contributions, will be placed in the hands of the local charities."

**THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALIAN AND CHINA TELEGRAPH.**—Number of paid telegrams transmitted through this company's cable from Darwin, for the week ending Friday, July 11: Sent from the colonies: South Australia, 1; New South Wales, 2; Victoria, 3; Tasmania, 1; total, 69. Sent to the colonies: South Australia, 6; New South Wales, 17; Queensland, 1; New Zealand, 9; total, 33. Total number of messages, 103.

**ERRATA.**—In the second article in yesterday's issue, the following corrections are made:

*Herald* for "a low and narrow national... narrow freeman." In the third line of the second paragraph of the paper read by Mr. Alfred Roberts on "Rights Accrued to the Nation," for committee read "constitution."

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Shepherd Long Chaise  
Black Chalk Jacket  
Peach Stays (boxed)  
THIS DAY, Tuesday, July 16th.

**M**R. CHARLES THAKLE will sell  
at auction, at his Rooms, Wynnstay  
THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock

one Shepherd's long shawls, 1 pair  
one French work plays  
one ladies' trimmed black cloth jacket.  
**WITHOUT RESERVE.**  
Terms at sale.

Important Sale of General Drapery, &c., &c.,  
**THIS DAY, and WEDNESDAY, July 14 and**  
**MR. C. TEAKLE** has been instructed  
to sell, by auction, at his Room  
Wyndham-street, on the above days, at 11 o'clock each  
day, a quantity of general drapery, woollens, clo-  
thing, hats and caps,  
White and grey calicoes  
Children's waists, in  
Doubtless W.C. and  
Rough hollidie ties  
and hose

imitation Wood stains  
Various cabinet  
Light ground prints  
Alabamers and toilet  
Hatchback towels  
French towels and colours  
Blank alphas  
Men's brown and fancy half-  
hoses

Terms, liberal, at sale.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp.

Under Distraint for Rent.

S. LEVIN has received instructions to  
by auction, on the premises, No. 156, Pa-  
trist-st., W. Woodlawn,  
Household furniture, comprising chairs, tables,  
sleeper, engraving, couch, bedstead, and  
to kitchen utensils, and sundries.

Terms, cash.

PRELIMINARY.

To Warehousemen, Drapers, Storekeepers, and other  
Interested Parties.

DRAPERY

CLOTHING  
WOLLENS  
LINENS, &c.

Now being received ex Cantonment and Morrison  
On THURSDAY and FRIDAY next, 16th and  
instant, at 11 o'clock each day.

**CHAS. MOORE and CO.** are instructed  
to sell by auction, at their Sale Room, 107  
street, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY next,  
A choice selection of useful goods.  
Details in Wednesday's Herald.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**BOOTS and SHOES**  
now landing ex Cantonment and other vessels.

To the Boot and Shoe Trade.

Unreserved Auction Sale on  
TUESDAY next, 21st instant, at 11 o'clock.

**CHAS. MOORE and CO.** are instructed  
to sell by auction, without reserve, at  
Sale Room 107, Prince of Wales Road, SINGAPORE,  
Invoices of new goods, in fine variety.  
Further particulars in future issue.

**THIS DAY, 14th July, at 11 o'clock.**

1 Ton Cotton Fleck.

**CAREY, GILLES, and CO.** are instructed to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, **George-street, THIS DAY, 14th instant, 11 o'clock.**

**As above.**

**THIS DAY, 14th July, at 11 o'clock.**

To Hotel Keepers, Furniture Dealers, Fancy Warehousemen, and others.

1 Superior Regent-Billiard Table, complete, by  
1 Massive Sideboard  
1 Telescope Dining Table, 4 leaves, with centre leg  
1 Galvanised Iron Wire Bait Basket  
1 Large Roubin Seat, suitable for hotel or boat shop  
1 Patent Kerosene Lamp  
Pianoforte  
2 Washing-machine  
2 Cannon Wax Vestas, 24's a round.

**CAREY, GILLES, and CO.** will sell by public auction, at their Bank Auction Rooms, **535, George-street, THIS DAY, 14th instant, 11 o'clock.**

**As above.**

**THIS DAY, 14th instant.**

Positive Sale of Valuable Household Furnishings, Bank Auction Rooms, at 11 o'clock.

12 Magnificent Massive Oak Dining Chairs, new and backs  
Marble-top Washstands  
Walnut Card Tables  
Walnut Cabinets  
Walnut Lavatories  
Mahogany Sideboards  
Gears  
Oiled Chaise Drawers  
Camphorwood ditto ditto

Camphorwood Neste Trunks  
Cedar Dining Tables  
Cedar Office ditto  
Spring Mattresses  
Case Looking-glasses  
China Tea and Breakfast Sets  
Ornaments and Bronzes.

THIS DAY, July 16, at 11 o'clock.

To close accounts.

**C**LAIREY, GILLES, and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at Rooms, 236, George-street, THIS DAY, 11 o'clock, Without reserve, Weighing-machines, on trucks

Avery's weighing-machines, 4 cwt. to 10 cwt.  
60 gross wax vestas  
Colonial gum, for cabinetmakers and polishers  
White and gold and granite toilet sets  
White and gold breakfast sets  
White, green, and gold ditto ditto  
Sets of jugs, tumblers, wines  
Keweenaw paper, and stationery

Acetylene lamps, moderator lamps  
Pier glasses  
Iron safe  
Clocks under shades, and Tudor clocks  
Bronze centre hanging lamps, 3 arms  
Double washstand and furniture  
Tables and sewing-machines  
Rosewood cottage piano, grand piano

Small mahogany cottage piano  
Japanese glassholder and trays  
Pembulator, engravings, paintings  
Cutlery, music and office stools  
Set of buggy harness, chaff-cutter  
Cases of toys, plated trunks (6-hole).

Terms cash.

N.B.—The colonial gum is worth exporters' notice  
unlimited quantity can be procured if the price is  
labour.

**THIS DAY.**

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**CAREY, GILLES, and CO.** are instructed to sell by auction, at their Rooms, **DAY**, at 11 o'clock, 30 bales guano.

Terms at sale.

**Preliminary Notice.**  
**THURSDAY next, July 18, at 11 o'clock**  
**GENERAL MERCHANDISE.**  
**CAREY, GILLES, and CO. will**

Public auction, at their Rooms, 508, O  
street, on **THURSDAY** next, the 10th inst.  
11 o'clock,  
Teas, sugars, groceries, oilmen's stores, &c.  
Full particulars in future advertisement.  
**THURSDAY, 10th inst.**

**CAREY, GILLES, and CO.** will sell  
public auction, at their Rooms, 336, G  
street, on **THURSDAY** next, 16th instant, at 11 o'clock  
The above.

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